

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Mangiardi <i>et al.</i>	)	
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Filed: September 30, 2003	)	
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For: REMOVABLE BILLIARY STENT	)	
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Examiner: Kevin Thao Truong	)	
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DECLARATION OF ERIC K. MANGIARDI UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

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Sir:

I, Eric K. Mangiardi, declare as follows:

1. I am a named inventor of the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.
2. I have reviewed the contents of U.S. Patent No. 7,547,321 (the “321 Patent”), including the following disclosures from the ‘321 Patent related to biliary stents:

An additional objective of an exemplary device in accordance with the present invention is to provide a prosthesis that is suitable for use in other anatomical

locations within a patient such as, by way of example only and not to be construed as limiting . . . the biliary tract . . . without departing from the basic product design and method manufacture and implementation contemplated by the present invention.

Col. 3, Lns. 29-36.

It should also be kept in mind that though the present discussion has principally focused on airway stents, the device and methods of the present invention are useful in a wide variety of locations within a patient, for example, but not limited to the . . . biliary tract . . .

Col. 8, Lns. 42-47.

3. I am the inventor of the subject matter related to stents for the biliary tract in the foregoing disclosures from the '321 Patent.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



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Eric K. Mangiardi

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Date